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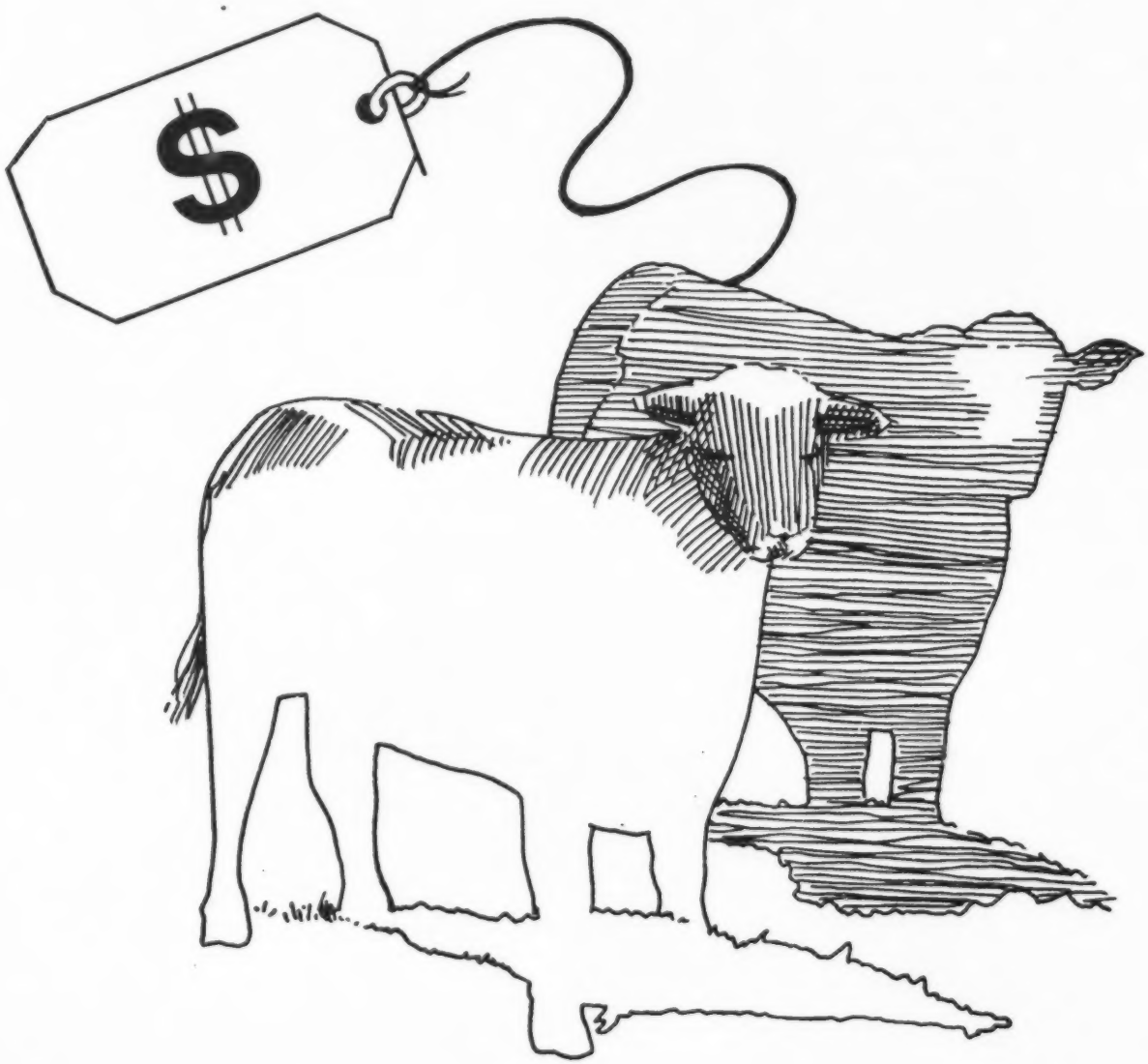

SUMMARY

The following pages are a brief statistical summary of the 1985 Fall Feeder Sale held on October 15 and 29 in Truro. This report attempts to outline average prices paid for feeder cattle by quality and sex. In addition, information for comparison purposes is presented from nine (9) previous years.

As will be noted, the average price paid for feeder cattle was 74.58 cents per pound. This compares to 76.35 in 1984, 72.05 in 1983, 67.10 in 1982, 65.38 in 1981, 80.90 in 1980, and 82.51 in 1979.

In 1985 two sales were held. At the first sale on October 15, the average price was 75.37 cents per pound on 1,569 head. At the second sale on October 29, the average price was 72.78 cents per pound on 657 head.

Choice and good steer calves averaged 82.66 cents per pound compared to 83.70 cents per pound in 1984.

The total number of yearling feeders increased to 728 head being sold in 1985. This represents 32.7% of head sold. Yearling prices averaged 71.50 cents per pound in 1985 compared to 71.50 cents per pound in 1984.

In spite of slightly lower prices, a 36 lb. increase in average weight resulted in a 4% increase in average return per head. Total dollars reached an all time high of $976,255.00.

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FEEDER SALES - 1985

	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	518	84.99	478	406.25	247,834	210,634
GOOD	222	77.55	509	394.74	113,030	87,658
MEDIUM	13	65.98	507	334.51	6,590	4,348
PLAIN	24	61.66	559	344.66	13,426	8,278
STAGS	14	68.04	438	298.03	6,130	4,171
YEARLINGS	453	72.92	824	600.84	373,364	272,248
SUB-TOTAL	1,244	77.24	611	471.96	760,374	587,337
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	358	75.46	458	345.62	163,985	123,748
GOOD	206	71.27	483	344.26	99,595	70,986
MEDIUM	101	66.54	510	339.37	51,460	34,243
PLAIN	42	63.64	533	339.19	22,370	14,236
YEARLINGS	275	69.00	768	529.93	211,161	145,705
SUB-TOTAL	982	70.90	559	396.31	548,571	388,918
TOTAL	2,226	74.58	588	438.55	1,308,945	976,255

FEEDER SALE

OCTOBER 15, 1985

	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	404	84.71	481	407.45	194,179	164,487
GOOD	137	78.01	495	386.17	67,800	52,894
MEDIUM	7	61.88	479	296.39	3,355	2,076
PLAIN	10	55.72	532	296.44	5,321	2,965
STAGS	7	57.08	436	248.88	3,050	1,741
YEARLINGS	360	72.74	817	594.31	294,189	214,000
SUB-TOTAL	925	77.16	614	473.74	567,894	438,163
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	307	75.66	450	340.47	138,215	104,573
GOOD	114	72.13	466	336.14	53,145	38,335
MEDIUM	46	65.67	505	331.61	23,210	15,241
PLAIN	16	63.55	569	361.58	9,105	5,786
YEARLINGS	161	70.80	748	529.59	120,471	85,295
SUB-TOTAL	644	72.42	534	386.72	344,146	249,230
TOTAL	1,569	75.37	581	437.89	912,040	687,393

FEEDER SALE

OCTOBER 29, 1984

	# HEAD	AVE. PRICE	AVE. WEIGHT	AVE. RETURN PER HEAD	TOTAL POUNDS	TOTAL DOLLARS
STEERS:						
CHOICE	114	86.01	471	405.09	53,655	46,147
GOOD	85	76.86	532	408.90	45,230	34,764
MEDIUM	6	70.23	539	378.54	3,235	2,272
PLAIN	14	65.55	579	379.53	8,105	5,313
STAGS	7	78.90	440	347.14	3,080	2,430
YEARLINGS	93	73.57	851	626.07	79,175	58,248
SUB-TOTAL	319	77.50	603	467.33	192,480	149,174
HEIFERS:						
CHOICE	51	74.41	505	375.76	25,770	19,175
GOOD	92	70.29	505	354.98	46,450	32,651
MEDIUM	55	67.26	514	345.74	28,250	19,002
PLAIN	26	63.70	510	324.88	13,265	8,450
YEARLINGS	114	66.61	796	530.23	90,690	60,410
SUB-TOTAL	338	68.33	605	413.41	204,425	139,688
TOTAL	657	72.78	604	439.58	396,905	288,862

FEEDER SALES

	1985		1984		1983		1982		1981	
	AVE.		AVE.		AVE.		AVE.		AVE.	
	HEAD	PRICE	HEAD	PRICE	HEAD	PRICE	HEAD	PRICE	HEAD	PRICE
Choice Steer Calves	518	84.99	649	85.47	641	78.77	555	74.99	562	72.51
Good Steer Calves	222	77.55	201	77.84	120	74.56	318	67.13	255	66.42
Medium Steer Calves	13	65.98	12	69.53	9	66.51	22	59.79	40	66.87
Plain Steer Calves	24	61.66	14	45.74	5	45.07	18	48.26	32	52.29
Choice Heifer Calves	358	75.46	457	76.54	507	70.55	405	64.95	238	61.62
Good Heifer Calves	206	71.27	199	70.75	87	65.80	319	58.33	207	59.67
Medium Heifer Calves	101	66.54	13	67.48	10	58.83	19	52.10	37	56.77
Plain Heifer Calves	42	63.64	13	61.51	12	53.42	6	53.45	20	50.04
Yearlings - Steers	453	72.92	373	73.90	357	70.96	351	69.49	302	65.17
Yearlings - Heifers	275	69.00	232	69.17	213	65.70	209	61.52	102	55.67
Stags	14	68.04	32	71.73	27	68.70	59	65.87	-	-
Total	2226	74.58	2195	76.35	1988	72.05	2281	67.10	1795	65.38

FEEDER SALES

	1980		1979		1978		1977		1976	
	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE	HEAD	AVE. PRICE
Choice Steer Calves	727	87.44	641	92.57	309	83.71	639	36.88	509	36.40
Good Steer Calves	173	82.60	147	86.46	127	72.84	149	33.09	217	32.88
Medium Steer Calves	3	68.50	56	77.56	60	65.62	77	27.15	69	30.67
Plain Steer Calves	26	60.31	5	59.79	5	54.86	16	24.05	47	25.33
Choice Heifer Calves	369	79.51	363	82.61	222	72.63	357	31.36	320	31.00
Good Heifer Calves	144	76.39	161	76.50	149	65.30	209	27.69	166	29.32
Medium Heifer Calves	40	68.29	57	69.75	15	59.86	74	24.80	40	26.15
Plain Heifer Calves	-	-	-	-	7	54.04	12	26.15	9	21.00
Yearlings - Steers	185	75.70	236	77.36	95	66.80	64	33.84	66	35.91
Yearlings - Heifers	82	70.90	126	68.12	24	57.86	115	26.49	25	30.62
Stags	18	66.87	37	79.31	33	65.54	36	24.50	47	28.39
Total	1767	80.90	1829	82.51	1046	72.36	1748	32.36	1512	32.74